

PUNISHMENT

- ☐ Any person(s) found guilty of a ☐ ☐
☐ violation shall be:
- ☐ 1) ☐ Punished with a fine of not more than one ☐
☐ ☐ hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not less than ☐
☐ ☐ fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a first offense.
- ☐ 2) ☐ Punished with a fine of not more than two ☐
☐ ☐ hundred dollars (\$200.00) and not less than ☐
☐ ☐ one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a second ☐
☐ ☐ offense.
- ☐ 3) ☐ Punished with a fine of not more than one ☐
☐ ☐ thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and not less ☐
☐ ☐ than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or six ☐
☐ ☐ months in jail or both for three (3) or more ☐
☐ ☐ offenses.
- ☐ Payment of any fine or service of a jail sentence ☐
☐ shall not relieve any person from having to ☐ ☐
☐ correct the problem resulting from the violation. ☐
☐ The court may also order that the guilty party ☐
☐ pay the County all of its costs for being involved ☐
☐ in the case.

If you have any questions about
Nuisance Animal Noise, please call the
San Bernardino County Animal Care & Control
Program toll free at **1-800-472-5609**. Thank you.

Completed Animal Noise Nuisance
Complaint Forms are to be returned to:

San Bernardino County
Animal Care & Control - Field Services
606 E. Mill Street, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0003



San Bernardino County
Animal Care & Control Program

NUISANCE ANIMAL NOISE



WHAT IS A NUISANCE ANIMAL?

- ☐ Any animal that habitually barks, howls, crows ☐
- ☐ makes any other loud noises in such a way as ☐
- ☐ to at any time, day or night, cause annoyance ☐
- ☐ or discomfort to people living in the ☐ ☐ ☐
- ☐ neighborhood.

A NUISANCE ANIMAL NOISE MAY EXIST IF:

- ☐ 1) ☐ The disturbance occurs at any time, day or ☐
- ☐ ☐ night.
- ☐ 2) ☐ The animal owner/keeper lives in an "R" ☐
- ☐ ☐ (residential) zone district.
- ☐ 3) ☐ The complaining party lives within 200 yards ☐
- ☐ ☐ of the animal owner/keeper.
- ☐ ☐ a) ☐ A waiver to the 200 yards may be ☐ ☐
- ☐ ☐ ☐ permitted upon approval of a Waiver ☐
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Application Form.
- ☐ 4) ☐ At least two (2) complaints from separate ☐
- ☐ ☐ households are filed.

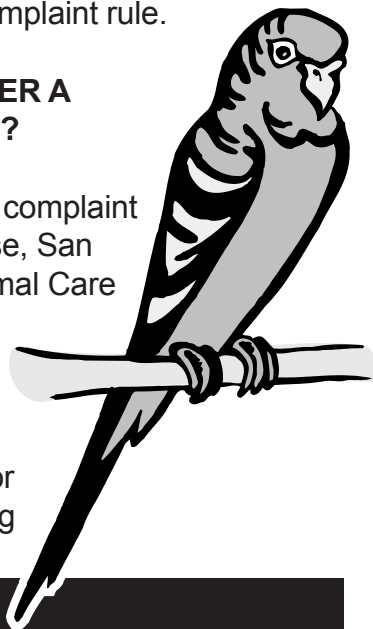
☐ However:

- ☐ a) ☐ One (1) complaint from a single household ☐
 - ☐ ☐ may be filed if only one (1) neighbor lives ☐
 - ☐ ☐ within 200 yards of the animal owner/keeper.
- ☐ or:

- ☐ b) ☐ If there is one (1) complaint from a single ☐
- ☐ ☐ household seeking a waiver of the two-☐ ☐
- ☐ ☐ complaint rule. A Waiver Application Form ☐
- ☐ ☐ must be completed and submitted with the ☐
- ☐ ☐ complaint form showing good cause for a ☐
- ☐ ☐ waiver of the two-complaint rule.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A COMPLAINT IS FILED?

- ☐ Upon receiving the first complaint
- ☐ of nuisance animal noise, San
- ☐ Bernardino County Animal Care
- ☐ & Control will send a
- ☐ letter to the animal
- ☐ owner/keeper
- ☐ informing them of the
- ☐ complaint and asking for
- ☐ their support in resolving
- ☐ the problem.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

☐ The letter is sent:

- ☐ 1) ☐ Allow at least two (2) weeks from the date the ☐
- ☐ ☐ letter was sent to the animal owner/keeper to ☐
- ☐ ☐ see if the problem is resolved. If the animal ☐
- ☐ ☐ noise does not stop, at least two (2) persons ☐
- ☐ ☐ from separate households must file a **FORMAL** ☐
- ☐ ☐ **WRITTEN COMPLAINT** with San Bernardino ☐
- ☐ ☐ County Animal Care & Control.
- ☐ 2) ☐ Upon receiving two or more completed Nuisance ☐
- ☐ ☐ Animal Noise Complaint Forms, (or one if there ☐
- ☐ ☐ is only one neighbor or a Waiver Application ☐
- ☐ ☐ Form and a waiver or the two-complaint rule is ☐
- ☐ ☐ granted) San Bernardino County Animal Care & ☐
- ☐ ☐ Control will assign an Animal Control Officer to ☐
- ☐ ☐ serve a Notice of Violation on the animal ☐ ☐
- ☐ ☐ owner/keeper. The Notice of Violation will state ☐
- ☐ ☐ that the animal owner/keeper has fourteen (14) ☐
- ☐ ☐ days to suppress the animal noise.
- ☐ 3) ☐ If after fourteen (14) days from the date the ☐
- ☐ ☐ Notice of Violation is issued, there is still animal ☐
- ☐ ☐ noise occurring, then the complaining party may ☐
- ☐ ☐ inform San Bernardino County Animal Care & ☐
- ☐ ☐ Control of the violation by calling
- ☐ ☐ 1-800-472-5609.
- ☐ 4) ☐ An Animal Control Officer will be dispatched ☐
- ☐ ☐ between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to ☐
- ☐ ☐ make contact with one of the complaining parties ☐
- ☐ ☐ who signed the Nuisance Animal Noise ☐ ☐
- ☐ ☐ Complaint Form. The Animal Control Officer will ☐
- ☐ ☐ require the complaining party's signature on a ☐
- ☐ ☐ citation form that states that they witnessed the ☐
- ☐ ☐ violation. **THE COMPLAINING PARTY MUST** ☐
- ☐ ☐ **TESTIFY IN COURT AND WILL BE SUBJECT** ☐
- ☐ ☐ **TO SUBPOENA.**
- ☐ 5) ☐ The Animal Control Officer will then issue the ☐
- ☐ ☐ citation to the animal owner/keeper.
- ☐ 6) ☐ If a violation occurs after the first citation is ☐
- ☐ ☐ issued and it is reported to San Bernardino ☐
- ☐ ☐ County Animal Care & Control by a complaining ☐
- ☐ ☐ party who has completed and returned a ☐ ☐
- ☐ ☐ Nuisance Animal Noise Complaint Form, then ☐
- ☐ ☐ additional citations can be issued to the animal ☐
- ☐ ☐ owner/keeper for every day that the violation ☐
- ☐ ☐ occurs.